

REMARKS

Before this amendment, claims 1-20 were pending in the present application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, 11, and 12 and cancelled claims 5, 6, 10, 13, 14, and 15. No claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 7-9, 11, 12, and 16-20 are now pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are allowable.

The Examiner allowed claims 16-20 and indicated that claims 6, 7, 11 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 5 and 6. As amended, therefore, claim 1 is claim 6 rewritten in independent form including the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 5. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the objection to claim 6 has been overcome and claim 1 is allowable.

Regarding claims 2-4 and 7-9, these claims depend from claim 1 which applicant respectfully submits is allowable. Accordingly, claim 2-4 and 7-9 are at least allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

Applicants have amended claim 11 to include the limitations of the last versions of claims 1, 2, 10 and 11. As amended, therefore, claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 2 and 10. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the objection to claim 11 has been overcome and claim 11 is allowable.

Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the limitations of the last versions of claims 13, 14 and 15. As amended, therefore, claim 12 is claim 15 rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 12 and intervening claims 13 and 14. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the objection to claim 15 has been overcome and claim 12 is allowable.

Conclusion

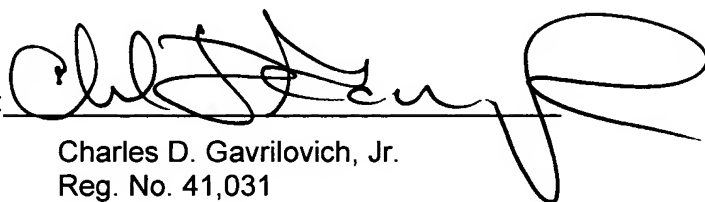
Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, 11, and 12 and cancelled claims 5, 6, 10, 13, 14, and 15. No claims have been added. Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to the claims have been overcome and that claims 1-4, 7-9, 11, 12, and 16-20 are in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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